Self-employment

†5068. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether self-employment is being provided to the educated unemployed youth in various States under the different schemes during the last three years;

(b) the number of educated unemployed youth who were provided with the employment under such schemes, particularly in Maharasthra, district-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of the amount provided to the educated unemployed youth along with the schemes under which it was provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is implementing special programmes for employment generation and poverty alleviation. Among these, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) caters to the needs of educated unemployed youth. The performance of the PMRY during 2001-2002 was as under :

(a)	Application disbursed by Banks	1.5 lakh (Approximately)
(b)	Employment Opportunities Generated	2.3 lakh (Approximately)
(c)	Amount disbursed by Banks	Around 800.00 crore

Cases pending in labour courts

5069 SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN :

PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of cases are pending with labour courts for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that these cases are pending due to shortage of judges, if so the reasons for not filling up the vacancies of judges causing a great hardship to the people facing the cases for the loan period; and

(d) if the answer to part "(a)" above is in the affirmative, whether Government propose to dispose of the pending cases and if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL) : (a) and (b) The number of industrial disputes that are pending in the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts during the last three years are as under :

Year	Pending Cases	Pending applications
2000	10924	4710
2001	13329	5779
2002	11376	3829

(c) The pendency of industrial dispute depends on many factors including the vacant positions of Presiding Officers. Some of the reasons for pendency of cases are :—

(1) inadequate number of industrial tribunals and labour courts,

(2) parties seeking adjournments to file documents,

(3) increasing awareness on the availability of the forum,

(4) absence of affected parties at the time of hearing,

(5) parties approaching the appellate courts against order of the tribunals on preliminary points and hearing of the case getting stayed for a long time leading to delay.

(d) In order to reduce pendency of cases, a new Plan Scheme for adjudication of dispute through Lok-Adalat has been conceived in the tenth five year plan and proposal to set up five more CGIT-cum-Labour Courts has been approved. These are likely to reduce the pendency of disputes in CGIT-cum-Labour Courts.

EPF defaulters

5070. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are more than 1,00,000 pending cases involving liabilities of defaulting employers on EPF to the tune of more than Rs. 2200 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce an Amnesty Scheme to the defaulting employers with waiver on penalties and immunity from prosecution; and

(c) whether Government expect early settlement of dues by the employers and also lessening burden on Courts trying the EPF cases?